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Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates are moving on to the next chapter of their lives. See story and photos on pages 30 and 31.

Minden CAO walks out four weeks early

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

Minden Hills chief administrative officer (CAO) Nancy Wright-Laking is no longer working for the township.

Wright-Laking resigned on June 20, stating in her letter of resignation that a lack of support from the majority of council played a part in her decision to leave the job after just two years. She intended to stay until July 25, but left a month early to utilize built-up vacation time. Her last day was June 25.

"She was off on vacation next week anyway," said Reeve Barb Reid. "That had always been planned. She had some other

vacation time, so I just said to her, rather than come back for a week, do you want to just call it a day, today? And she said, 'I'd like to do that.'"

"It's not uncommon at all, when you look at vacation plans, sometimes you can make other plans," said Reid.

Wright-Laking told The Highlander she didn't feel supported by the majority of council.

"I don't want to say too much that's negative," she said. "But I don't feel that I've had the support that perhaps I could have had. I'm moving forward for another opportunity."

Wright-Laking joined the township on April 24, 2012, and was officially hired as the

full-time CAO/clerk/economic development officer (EDO) on July 26 that year. She moved from her position as clerk with the City of Peterborough, where she had been for 10 years.

Wright-Laking is not yet prepared to give details about her next move, but said she will be working in another Ontario municipality. She hadn't moved far from Peterborough since taking the position in Minden Hills. Wright-Laking said she left the CAO position for professional and personal reasons and feels she is going to a better place.

"I just think that where I'm going will probably be better for me in the long run as I look forward to retirement in a few years,"

she said.

The decision to leave her current position was not an easy one.

"I thought this [job] would be my last hurrah before I retired, so it was a difficult decision to move to another municipality," she said. "But you know, we make hard decisions every day."

Township employees praised Wright-Laking's impact on council and wished her well.

"Nancy's been a very good mentor for me, being so new to municipal government," said deputy-clerk Mike de Rond. "Having her was a really big help for me, just from her

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Reid not surprised by resignation

experience. She's definitely someone I could ask questions to anytime I needed to and she has been a big help all around."

Minden councillors also had nothing but praise for the former CAO.

"It came as quite a surprise, I wasn't aware that it was coming forward," said councillor Brigitte Gall. "I hope she has a great experience in her new position and that we're able to find somebody who can meet the requirements of our community and help us get through an election year."

"I'm very, very sorry to see that it happened," said councillor Ken Redpath. "We're losing a very good person."

Redpath said he supports Wright-Laking "one hundred per cent."

"I think she does a wonderful job, she's an extremely experienced person, she's extremely well-respected in the community, and she's been a great asset for Minden Hills. She's done a wonderful job with the staff. To the best of my knowledge, any of the staff I've talked to just love Nancy. When she came in, there was a lot of unhappiness amongst staff through past experience and she did a wonderful job of getting and building up their confidence. It's just a shame to see us lose her."

"Nancy has made a huge contribution with this municipality," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"I personally, I thought Nancy did some very good things for Minden Hills. But if the majority of council feels otherwise, as the head of council I have to listen to the wishes of the majority. So my individual opinion has to take second place to the wishes of the majority of council."

Wright-Laking was instrumental in bringing electronic and telephone voting to the township. Those alternative methods will be used for the first time in this October's municipal election.

Reid said she couldn't share the details behind Wright-Laking's decision but that they relate to lifestyle choices that she and her husband are making.

Wright-Laking said she was looking for less hours in her



File photo

Nancy Wright-Laking has resigned.

new position. She hoped moving forward that her replacement would feel supported.

"I personally believe that the CAO's position is one that's there to support council and to support the community," she said. "The role that the CAO plays is to implement the policies that council adopts, but it is the administration's role to move forward to implement them. So if I can give any advice, it's to listen to the CAO, take advice the CAO provides, and to understand the roles that council has in the organization."

Redpath said he wasn't surprised by Wright-Laking's resignation.

"Despite the fact that Nancy has done a wonderful job, unfortunately she's been put in the position where she's feeling she's not getting the support she needs, that she doesn't have the confidence of a lot of

members of council. As a result she felt she had to move on."

Reid also said she wasn't surprised by the resignation, although she didn't elaborate on why she felt that way.

"I completely understand and it wasn't a total surprise," said Reid. "She will be very missed and we will miss her."

Reid acknowledged the need to fill several municipal staff positions, including Wright-Laking's and the community services director. Darren Levstek, who has been acting as the interim community services director, resigned from the position on the same day as Wright-Laking to return to his duties at the cultural centre.

"We've got some holes to fill, but we've also got a team of department heads here that know their jobs and know what has to be done," she said. "I don't see that the work plan with the municipality is going to be seriously affected. Our staff know their jobs."

In an interview with The Highlander, Wright-Laking thanked the municipality and wished them well.

The township is currently seeking a community services director position through a recruitment firm at the cost of \$18,000.

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Editorial opinion

Proud of our grads

It's graduation week.

For a community newspaper, that means seven or eight ceremonies in three days, a bunch of photos and hundreds of names. It takes a bit of planning to properly cover graduation week – which also happens to be the busiest week of the year for most of the county.

But it's completely worthwhile.

As a journalist, I have a unique perspective of these graduation ceremonies. Most people are there to watch one person in particular – a son, daughter, brother or sister, perhaps a grandchild. I, on the other hand, get to watch everything.

I see the pride on each parent's face as their child receives a diploma or award. I hear kids whisper excitedly to one another before getting up on stage, and I notice as teachers shake their heads listening to stories from the year gone by, remembering the mischief and the fun.

Probably the most rewarding for me is the sense of achievement the students have when they shake the principal's hand. I couldn't help but grin at the Wilberforce graduation this year when a student thrust his hands in the air after getting his diploma, and when a young senior kindergartner in Cardiff clutched her diploma tightly to her chest I laughed loudly with the rest of the room.

I can't help it. I feel proud of the students, start chatting with the families, and in some cases even offer to take pictures when I see a father struggling with a cellphone camera.

But there's more to it for me than just the graduation itself, because over the course of a school year I get to know the students and learn about the things they accomplish. We've got some amazing kids in Haliburton. Many of them I meet

through sports, others academics or arts.

Take Desi Davies of Wilberforce Elementary, for example. Earlier this year, Desi competed in a public speaking contest. I interviewed him for the paper, and you may have watched him deliver his speech on Highlander TV. He has incredible charisma and big dreams, so at the graduation this week I made it a point to look out for him. I'll admit that I was happy when he received several class awards.

I was also anxious to see the HHSS robotics club that blazed a trail for the high school, and the athletes who represented us at OFSAA this year. In Minden, I looked for the students at Archie Stouffer who rallied behind a classmate with special needs. Together, these students taught an entire community – not just their schoolmates – about acceptance and what it means to be a friend.

There's something special happening in Haliburton's schools. I know it because I see it every year, and I'm reminded of it again during graduation week.

To the teachers and administrators, keep doing what you're doing. Keep pushing your students to excel, to challenge conventional ways of thinking, and to break down barriers in their way.

To the students, remember your accomplishments. Be proud of the things you've done, and never stop dreaming of the things you will do.

Congratulations.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Are you happy, are you satisfied?

Nancy Wright-Laking was the cornerstone of Reeve Barb Reid's municipal restructuring. At the time of Wright-Laking's hiring two years ago, Reid justified both the passing-over of local candidates and the use of a recruitment firm as necessary to build the skills base and capability of the municipality. This wasn't going to be another case of the Peter principle: someone being promoted based on tenure or popularity to a position they are not competent to hold. No, this time Minden would search far and wide for the best person with the best skills.

Whether Minden got what it paid for will now be debated. It may be that Wright-Laking wasn't all the municipality had expected. Or that she had the best skills but couldn't adjust her style to the municipality's work culture. Or it may be that Wright-Laking lacked one of the most important skills: the ability to manage your boss.

Or it may be, now that Resignation Minden – The Movie is running in a permanent loop, that this particular boss is impossible to work for no matter what skills or style a person has.

The timing, 120 days before the municipal election she was in charge of administering, is telling, as is the PR-speak. Wright-Laking's "I don't want to say too much that's negative" in fact says quite a lot that's negative.

But it's not enough. After \$20,000 for the headhunter and about a quarter-million dollars in sun-shiny salary spent by the people of Minden Hills on Wright-Laking's aborted stewardship, Mindenites deserve to know the details of this departure, one that was scheduled for July

25 but which actually occurred suddenly on Wednesday.

Because surely, if the reeve was held in such low esteem by her hand-picked, hard-won right hand that she either didn't know of Wright-Laking's existential dissatisfaction or couldn't negotiate an orderly exit – at least for a few weeks to allow a smooth transition – then it's quite possible this reeve simply cannot do the work she has been elected to do. Alternatively, if it was Reid who asked for the early departure, she may have very well gone beyond her powers in doing so without the consent of her council.

With an election looming, it's vital that voters learn these particulars. Unfortunately they will be more difficult to get now that Wright-Laking has left the building, conveniently just a day before council was to meet and discuss the matter.

Four years ago, Reid's palpable contempt for the old guard may have looked like bold housecleaning. Now, with Reid owning both Wright-Laking's arrival and departure all to herself, a different picture emerges – the words toxic and destructive come to mind. Was Wright-Laking privy to one-too-many acrimonious encounters, or was she never a good pick to begin with? Neither option puts the reeve's judgement in a good light.

Reid is a smart woman, there's no doubt of that. But her results have been chaos and discord. The old guard can't work with her and it seems the new guard can't either. All the bright ideas and effort in the world mean nothing if you're the Captain Queeg of municipal leadership.

At least that movie had an ending.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Corrupt government in power

Dear editor,

I had a really hard time getting to sleep the night of our provincial election.

I turned off the TV at 10, disgusted by the fact we had put a corrupt government back in power, with a majority no less. Tim Hudak was responsible for this, with his very stupid announcement of 100,000 job cuts and Wynne jumped on this, telling everyone Hudak would be going through the halls of schools and hospitals issuing pink slips, none of which would have happened.

He wanted to weed out those jobs not needed, like Drive Clean, the people just waiting for a package to retire, and some of the incompetent, protected by unions. Since Bob Rae's welfare for life, people still do not trust the NDP, so they voted for the devil they know: Ms. Wynne.

In the Eye on the Street section in the Highlander, five people were asked what they thought of the results. Four of them think Kathleen Wynne is the best choice, a really great person, and the fifth is happy Laurie Scott got in. What did Laurie Scott ever do for Haliburton? However, they are all certainly entitled to their opinion.

So let's do a little math here. Remember

math? That subject kids used to do in their heads and now do on a hand held device? Ms. Wynne was part of the inner circle of the McGuinty government, responsible for all the scandals, wasting well over a billion dollars. This was your money. If you won a million dollars in Lotario, this is like throwing a thousand of those wins in the garbage. Take away one thousand cottages on KENNISIS Lake, you have a billion dollars.

Now to those four people and others who think Ms. Wynne is just great, are you on a fixed or low income? Can you afford a 40 per cent raise in hydro, possible tax increase to support Toronto transit expansion, a match plan for an Ontario pension, plus many more expenditures she promised?

Haliburton is full of low income people, having to choose between turning on the lights and heat or buying healthy food to eat. To the Wynne supporters, congratulations. I do hope you contribute to the Food Bank, SIRCH, and Haliburton Community Services, because they will also be overtaxed.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Haliburton's best kept secret

Dear editor,

Happy birthday Canada, and you, too, Haliburton!

Did you know it is Haliburton Village's 150th birthday? Well it is. Canada's sesquicentennial will be celebrated in 2017. No doubt there will be much hullabaloo in recognition of this great country of ours thanks to the sacrifices made by our forefathers to keep us strong and free.

Established in 1864, this year also marks Haliburton Village's sesquicentennial! So far,

all I've heard about it is a lonely message put out by our museum acknowledging same. Surely, you'd think we'd have a sign or banners coming into town promoting our 150th birthday? Where is our sense of pride in a town that has never looked better? It's not too late. We're only halfway through what should be considered a very special year for the Village of Haliburton.

Dave Allen
Haliburton

Getting to know my dinner

"Oh, they're sooo cute! I just want to hug one."

"Oo look, little balls of yellow fluff... And listen to them cheep cheeping!"

"Ahh, they're gorgeous, and such lovely red hair! Haha, it just spoke to me. Oink oink to you too sweetie."

Yes, there are a few new additions to the Jones household. New additions that are so sweet and cuddly that we are having to fend small children and their mothers off with sticks for fear of smothering our animals.

Twenty-five chicks, just days old and cheeping loud enough to rival the peepers, are currently ensconced in an old bathtub in our garage. There's a wire mesh cover over the top, more to stop Little Z and his chums from diving in and squishing the birds than to arrest any attempt at escape that they might make.

And, out in the backyard, two of the handsomest little piglets that you could ever wish to meet. Tom and Jerry as Little Z has dubbed them, even though they are both female, are of fine English stock: their breed, the Tamworth, is renowned for its flame haired (read ginger) appearance and

wonderful flavor.

Yes, flavour! You see, while this collection of cuddly baby critters is quite disarming at the moment, the real reason for their arrival is the eventual filling of my freezer, the stocking of my winter larder, a future investment for my belly, no less. But mention this to visitors at the moment and the looks I get are truly evil.

"How could you! How could you even think about killing one of these gorgeous little things. You horrible man!" And so it goes, but you know what, I can put up with a little ill will from folks because I love bacon and crispy skinned roast chicken even more than friendship. The thought of slow roasted pork belly, the crackling so crisp and delicious, the meat falling apart at the mere hint of a fork... Homemade sausages, succulent chicken breast, a side of ham, fiery jerk chicken, and did I mention lovely, lovely bacon. Who needs friends when you have companions like these to keep you content during the cold winter nights?

The trouble is that our livestock does look cute at the moment. While the chickens quickly outgrow cuddliness, going from

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

A mama black bear and her brown colour phase black bear cubs. This is very unusual for this area.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

yellow fluff balls to scrawny eating machines, then giant waddling roasts with feathers in as little as eight weeks, the pigs are a different story. Tom and Jerry will be with us for a good six months. At the moment they are a little wary of contact and skittish when I enter their pen. But already they respond to a poorly performed oink from me with a series of short deep grunts that you just know mean something in piggy parlance. Even now, just one week since we got them, I can see differences in their personalities. Tom is bolder, quicker to the food and first to approach me. Jerry, on the other hand, is quite shy and less inclined to come and investigate me with that snuffling nose, like Tom does.

Yes, pigs are clever. They constantly check out the limits of their enclosure, are inquisitive about foreign objects (such as Little Z's soccer ball) that they have access to, and they even reserve a special place in their pen to poo so as not to soil their bedding. How many cows do you know who do that?

And our pigs look at me with knowing eyes, especially when I walk towards them with the

feed bucket. As the days and weeks go by they'll become more friendly, allowing us to give them a scratch behind the ear or rub their bellies, to feed them from our hands, to really get to know them.

Now, Tom and Jerry won't stay pint-sized for very long. They'll grow from their current 35lbs to around 250lbs during their six month stay, and, like a bouncy human baby turning into surly teenager, they will lose most of their cuteness. I believe this to be a very good thing because while I'll almost certainly become attached to our pigs, I'll be thinking a lot less 'ahh' and a whole lot more 'mmm!' by the time they are ready for slaughter. I'll be visualizing those prime cuts and slow roasts as our porkers strut around the yard. I'll be making room in the freezer.

Saying goodbye to Tom and Jerry is a distant thought at the moment but I know I'll be up to it when the time comes. What a pity, eh, that teenagers don't taste as good as pork? If they did we might really be onto something!

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Are you doing anything special for Canada Day?



Cherie and Art Wright

Stouffville

Yes we always do special things for Canada Day at Northern Eagle Campgrounds. They have things for the kids, a parade, fireworks, and a big barbecue. Always a fun day.

Chris Coady

Niagara

Home renovations, working around the house. Just too busy to take the day off. It is a special day and we would normally have friends over for a few beers and some fireworks.



Peter Ruddy

Stouffville

Nothing planned that is really special. Maybe have a few beers. I am a history buff and am surprised that there is not more planned for the Haliburton birthday and Canada Day.



Vreni Beyeler

Switzerland

Yes I am visiting here from Switzerland and will be at a big Canada Day house party with my sister and friends.

Marinne Greber

Haliburton

Yes I am. We are going to an outdoor party. Good food and fireworks and my sister will be there from Switzerland.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Burton running again in Highlands East

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Dave Burton will seek re-election to the Municipality of Highlands East's top seat in the fall election.

Burton submitted his nomination on June 19, declaring his intent to remain reeve of the municipality for the next four years.

"I have a lot to offer and I've enjoyed what I've been doing," he said. "I think there's unfinished business."

As chair of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), Burton has been working to bring high-speed internet and improved cell phone service to Haliburton County.

"The Warden's Caucus have directed us to look into cell phone coverage in eastern Ontario," he said. "I'd like to stay a part of that."

Locally, he said the work being done to develop Green's Mountain in Gooderham into a tourist attraction still has a long way to go, and he feels both he and his council are well-suited to see it through.

"I feel we've accomplished an awful lot these last four years," Burton said.

Going forward, provincial funding and grants will be a challenge for the municipality, he said. Not only funding for projects like the new library in Wilberforce, but key infrastructure funding is also threatened.

"The funding and grants, I think that's going to run out," Burton said. "I've said before, as we move forward we're asked to do more and more with less and less. It's very challenging for us. There's only so many tax dollars to go around, and I can see funding eventually drying up."

The answer, he said, is to be wise with tax dollars and look for places "where we need to tighten up a bit."

Burton is quick to point out that, over the last four years, his council has brought in approximately \$1.2 million in funding and grants to the municipality. He said a big part of that is the new committee structure that he implemented when he was elected reeve.

"If there's one accomplishment I think we had that was quite positive, it's the committee system we're using," he said. "It's brought a new approach that the public are a part of. They have added a whole new life to Highlands East."

In terms of economic development, Burton said it's a challenge for everyone in eastern Ontario, but that Highlands East is sitting on a great opportunity.

"The mineral sites, I've been told by other politicians in eastern Ontario that we have something here that's pretty special, and I think that's true," he said. "We're not promoting it the way I think we should."

Burton said he's open to any opportunities

for economic development in the municipality, including certain types of industry.

"I'm hoping Green's Mountain will open up some opportunities for us. There should be economic spin off from it."

Burton's political experience includes eight years in Highlands East, as well as six years as a councillor in Oro. For this election, Burton said he wasn't really intending to delay his nomination.

"I was just waiting to get out to some lake meeting and talk to seasonal people," he said. "Unfortunately that hasn't happened."

He was being approached on the street by supporters who wanted him to run again, Burton said.

"I felt it was time to submit my papers. I'd been under a lot of pressure to do it."

While Burton is prepared for another candidate to run against him, he said it's a big commitment to be the reeve of Highlands East.

"You have to have some leadership qualities," he said. "You have to have a lot of support do the job properly, and I'm talking council as well as staff and at home. It does take a lot of time and effort. You have to be willing to sacrifice a lot of time."

As of press time, no other nominations have been filed against current members of the Highlands East council.

AH township hires new fire chief

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Algonquin Highlands has hired its new fire chief.

Mike Cavanagh, the current fire prevention officer for the Township of Selwyn, will join the township in his new role on July 7. He will replace Keith Thomas, who announced his resignation from the position at a council meeting in May.

According to CAO Angie Bird, Cavanagh "brings with him a wealth of knowledge, education and experience in a small town with a volunteer fire service."

Councillor Gord Henderson was part of the interview process with Bird and Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"This chap seemed to fit head and shoulders above the rest," said Henderson.

Cavanagh, who is married and has a young child, is looking forward to experiencing the area and its recreational opportunities, added Henderson.

Thomas has agreed to stay on an extra week or two to assist Cavanagh through the transition, "which is really appreciated," said Bird. He will remain the district chief for Station 80 in Stanhope.





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New banners welcome visitors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two out of three new decorative banners have been placed on poles located on Highland Street's eastern and western gateways to the downtown core.

One of the banners features a photo of a moose taken by local resident Kim Emmerson while the other shows a dock with a view of the lake, which was submitted by Barrie Martin. Both images were donated.

The "MyHaliburtonHighlands" tagline, along with the municipality's slogan "the heart of the Highlands," are also prominently featured underneath the images.

The banners were designed – at no charge to the municipality – by Erin Nicholson, daughter of public works director Brian Nicholson.

"Those poles down by the

cenotaph have been sitting with nothing on them since 2009 when the York streetscape was done," said Brian, who pitched the idea to council. "We put the other ones by the CIBC – they were sitting with nothing on them."

Although #MyHaliburtonHighlands is the county's tagline, they were not involved in the project, he said.

"It was time to dress it up and have something welcoming, and hopefully tastefully done."

A third banner will be installed in the next couple of weeks.



Photo by Mark Arike

This banner features a photo submitted by Barrie Martin and the #MyHaliburtonHighlands tagline.

Hydraulic spill gets all-clear

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The test results are in and Highlands East is in the clear.

Late last month, a municipally-owned vehicle leaked hydraulic fluid along a 2.3 kilometre stretch of Highway 118, near Loon Lake. The spill was investigated by Michael Longpre, senior environmental officer with the Ministry of Environment (MOE), and the municipality acquired the services of Cambium Environmental Inc. to conduct further tests in the area. The spill was also reported to the MOE's Spills Action Centre.

"They did a report and they sent it to Michael [Longpre] on June 4," said

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig in a phone interview. "Then he sent me a letter back on June 12 saying that he read the Cambium report to the MOE. They did not need any further work done."

Stoughton-Craig said she told Longpre that the municipality planned on implementing a policy so that spills would be dealt with "in a more efficient manner."

"We are doing a policy for each department, but each department has different needs," she said.

Staff from Cambium visited the municipality on June 19 to do an audit of all of their buildings – "what we handle and what's in them," said Stoughton-Craig.

The policy will be implemented "sooner rather than later," she said.

Road work extended in Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Despite some minor setbacks, construction work on roads in Haliburton is ongoing.

According to Brian Nicholson, director of public works for Dysart et al, the roads department is struggling to complete sweeping north of West Guilford "due to lots of breakdowns including [the] contractor's sweeper."

"Unfortunately the machinery has a lot of moving and electrical parts... so they're a high-maintenance piece of equipment," said

Nicholson in a phone interview. According to a report from Rob Camelon, assistant roads superintendent, contractors are scheduled to sweep areas around Harcourt due to the late start this year. Resurfacing projects on Highland and Park streets are underway and expected to be completed prior to the Canada Day long weekend.

"The municipal portion of the micro surface is completed," said Nicholson. "They only need to come back for one repair before they leave at the XTR gas station."

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Instructor Victoria Ward
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TLDSB shuffles county principals

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The academic landscape in Haliburton County is going to look a little different next semester.

Several administrators within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) are changing positions, including a few principals in Haliburton's schools.

Gord Wood, principal of Cardiff (CES) and Wilberforce Elementary Schools (WES), is moving to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) as its vice-principal.

"The director and superintendents determine when and where administrators are moved," he said. "I was asked if I would be interested in moving to HHSS to be the vice-principal, and I stated that I would move to whichever school they wanted."

Wood said he is excited about the new opportunity at HHSS.

"My move to HHSS will provide me with new challenges, such as a larger staff, more students and an older age group," he said. "I look forward to the new challenges that await me at the high school. I also look forward to working with another great group of teachers and education assistants."

As acting principal at CES and WES for the last three years, Wood said he will miss working with the staff and students there.

"I really enjoyed my time at Cardiff and Wilberforce, and I was able to work with some amazing staff members," he said. "I enjoyed working with the parents and the students from both communities."

"I am excited to move to the high school but also saddened by my departure."

Wood already has plans for his new role.

"I am excited to work with Dan Marsden and to use my elementary experience in bridging the transition for elementary students coming to the high school."

School board trustee Gary Brohman commented on the change during the WES graduation on June 24.

"A huge shout out to principal Gord Wood on his tenure at Wilberforce," Brohman said. "He's an outstanding leader, a kind man and a just man. His leadership is to be applauded and we wish him all the best at his new role at Haliburton High School."

Staff and parents at CES and WES will have



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce and Cardiff acting principal Gord Wood is moving on to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School next school year as VP.

a familiar face step in to replace Wood in Elaine Fournier, the current principal at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH).

"I was the principal at Cardiff and Wilberforce for seven years before I joined JDH, so I'm kind of going home," she said. "It'll be exciting to see some familiar faces and meet some new ones. I know some have changed since I left, and some have stayed the same."

Fournier said these kinds of moves are commonplace in the school board, but that moving always comes with mixed emotions.

"I'm going to miss everybody here [at JDH]," she said. "It's been wonderful getting to know everybody here."

She said transitioning from the bigger JDH to two smaller schools won't be too difficult.

"Working towards academic excellence for all the students, that piece is the same," she said. "In terms of the day to day operation of the school, that piece is just different. I feel

like I'm the best person to be able to say that with honesty."

Andrea Borysiuk, principal at Stuart Baker

Elementary, will replace Fournier at JDH.

Current HHSS vice-principal Ian Patterson is moving to Huntsville High School.

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Dysart tries to slow traffic

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Three pedestrian warning signs will soon be installed on Sir Sam's Road in Eagle Lake in an attempt to encourage motorists to slow down.

Dysart council approved the recommendation they received from Brian Nicholson, director of public works, during a June 23 council meeting. The original request to install the signage was made by local resident Teresa Deuzeman, who expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

"I was appalled by the speed by which motorists have been taking to Sir Sam's Road over the years," wrote Deuzeman in a letter to CAO Tamara Wilbee. "I have been in the area since 1986 and it is apparent that there is a break in communication between motorists, cyclists

and pedestrians."

Deuzeman asked that signs be placed in both directions reminding motorists to slow down and share the road. She also requested that council use its discretion to determine the best approach for the signage.

Nicholson reported that the roads department had "looked at the situation" and recommended installing three pedestrian warning signs. Two of the signs will be installed within the first 100 metres on the south side of Sir Sam's Road, between Haliburton Lake Road and the dam on Eagle Lake Road. The third sign will be placed on the north side of Sir Sam's, to the west of the intersection of Liswood Drive and Sir Sam's Road.

The municipality will absorb the cost of the signage, which according to Nicholson is \$300.

LED street lights offer savings

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Dysart is looking into replacing all existing street lights with new light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures that are expected to save the municipality money in the long run.

During a June 23 council meeting, Brian Nicholson, director of public works, recommended that council authorize staff to proceed with an expression of interest with Local Authority Services (LAS), an incorporated, not-for-profit organization.

"It would be in the municipality's interest to complete an expression of interest in order that all the details of the program can be brought forward," stated Nicholson in his report.

There are approximately 316 street lighting fixtures and another 45 LED fixtures in the downtown area and Head Lake Park. He

said that in 2013, the municipality spent over \$61,000 for street lighting, which included over \$48,000 for hydro and close to \$12,000 in repairs.




Should the project move forward, LAS and its partner company, RealTerm Energy, will do a review of the current lighting system, oversee the purchase and installation of the new lights, and handle maintenance for 10 years. There is no upfront cost to the municipality for this turn-key service.

"After observing the marketplace for several years, LAS has decided to offer LED street lights to the municipal market because the technology is reliable, superior, and now very cost-effective," states the company's website.

Their website also indicates that municipalities can expect to see a reduction in energy consumption by 40-70 per cent.

Council approved Nicholson's recommendation to approach LAS.

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Highlander business

Escaping the city for life in the country

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Haliburton County has been encouraging the concept of “working from the dock,” and one of the newest board members of the Chamber of Commerce strongly agrees with the concept.

Video production Jack-of-all-trades Pasi Posti said that although he doesn’t work right from the dock, he highly encourages others to leave the rat race of the city for a more relaxing life in the Highlands.

“The only thing holding people back is fear,” he said. “People don’t have the time to meet face-to-face anyway. It’s easier to text than to sit down together.”

Years ago, Posti moved from downtown Toronto to Markham to help get away from the stress of city living.

“The city was just driving me nuts,” he said.

From Markham, his family – wife Jennifer and kids Toby and Annika – moved to Huntsville, and then settled in Balsam Lake in Kirkfield. But soon after setting up camp there, Posti tried his hand at fishing in the Highlands and fell in love with the area. He brought Jennifer for a birthday lunch and impromptu house-hunting began.

“Every time we came up here, there was just an ‘a-ha!’,” he said. “It’s like Muskoka 20 to 30 years ago. It’s untouched, pristine, welcoming and quaint.”

Despite moving around a bit before choosing the Highlands, Posti said this location is for keeps.



Photo submitted by Pasi Posti

Pasi Posti has set up shop in the Haliburton Highlands.

“We’ve settled in Haliburton,” he said. “Everywhere we’ve lived prior, we knew it wasn’t everything we were looking for. Here, there’s fertile ground for us to lay our roots.”

Those roots are with Positive Media Productions, a 12-year-old company that creates videos, offers photography work and establishes branding for budgets of any size. Some of Posti’s clients include Starbucks, West 49 and Canada’s Wonderland. He’s able to work locally, like with the Outdoors Association, but he also works internationally with a client in China. He’s never met the client, but he said in today’s times, he doesn’t need to.

“Through the Internet, anything is possible,” he said.

Posti works from a fully functioning studio that he and Jennifer, an artist, are proud of.

It’s more efficient for the pair to work from home without commuting. He said the lack of commute makes working from home a more green option.

“The studio is a valuable part of the community and a unique space in the community,” he said.

In the future, Posti is willing to work with others to share the studio space to encourage growth in the area.

“Sometimes new life can bring forward more new life, and different ideas,” he said. “It’s dangerous to be in a comfort zone where things become stagnant.”

Chamber of Commerce member services representative Lauren Hunter said Posti’s fresh take is exactly what the county needs.

“He’s got a whole wealth of experience and talent where the chamber could use

some support,” she said. “His knowledge of working with bigger corporations is helpful and he’s a social media guru.”

“I think I’m going to grow into Haliburton as Haliburton grows into this new world of online video,” said Posti.

As for challenges, Posti struggled to think of something that might deter people from working from home. Although he said the Internet service in Haliburton isn’t optimal, it’s manageable. A strong marketer, Posti downplays the distance to Haliburton to his clients because he said it really doesn’t matter.

“It’s just an awesome place to be inspired and to put others’ needs first,” he said. “You’re not obsessed with a fast pace of life and high stress. For once you can put your clients first.”

Hunter said residents like Posti are a growing demographic in the county, though she can’t be sure how many people have decided to do their work from a distance.

“I think there are more people working from home than we even realize,” said Hunter. “They’re not really out and visible in our community like some of our bricks and mortar business owners.”

According to Posti, the future looks good for Haliburton as it grows and adapts to techniques used by corporations in the city to further the branding of their businesses.

“I would strongly encourage my colleagues to consider the Highlands as a viable option to live and work,” said Posti. “We’re not missing anything here.”

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Winterdance Tours mushes forward

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After 15 years in business, the owners of Winterdance Dogsled Tours have decided to expand.

"It's outgrown anything we ever kind of imagined it would become," said Tanya McCready, who runs the dog sled tour company with her husband Hank DeBruin.

For about 12 years, the couple has leased a 5,000-acre piece of property owned by Curry and Greg Bishop, north of Haliburton Lake. Last year, they decided it was time to locate land they could call their own.

"The one deficit we see in our business is when people get to our trail head and we don't have a formal building, we don't have a reception area. We only have a tiny, tiny little cabin, but that's pretty much it," said McCready.

They came across a 2,000-acre property on the southeast corner of Haliburton Lake, which isn't far from where they currently do business. McCready said it's "everything we could want."

"It gives Hank amazing trails for training for the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest. It would be our own place, so we can build

what we want and grow the business a little further."

The deal on the property is set to close Aug. 20.

In addition to their winter business, they will be introducing horseback riding in the summer season.

"It's been kind of in the wings for a long time. I love horses, the kids love horses. ... It's kind of a way to offset a little bit of summer income. Now that we have the property, it's a great way to enjoy the gorgeous property in the summer, too."

McCready plans to offer limited riding next summer, but expects that part of the business to be fully up and running in two years from now.

There won't be any staff changes, she said, but some employees are already working on getting their qualifications for horseback riding.

The new location should be open for business in December, said McCready, but their home and kennels will remain on Drag Lake.

"The tours will all stay the same and everything. Just a slightly different trails system."

The couple is grateful for how



Photo submitted by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours
Hank DeBruin at the Yukon Quest earlier this year.

accommodating the Bishops have been over the years. They also are thankful for the community's support.

"When we moved here 15 years ago, we kind of had a pretty small vision in mind for a dog sledding business. It's kind of outgrown

anything we could have imagined."

On Aug. 16, Winterdance will host a dog festival in Head Lake Park which will feature the renowned air dogs. For further details check the municipality's website at dysart.ca.

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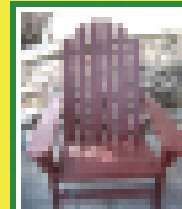
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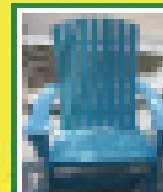
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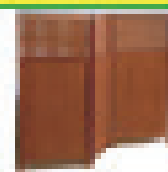


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Garden design store takes root in downtown Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Karen Sloan remembers creating a business card in her high school graphic arts class that read 'Karen's Flower Shop.' Now the local garden designer and blogger can use it.

Sloan chose the summer solstice, June 21, to open Wall Flower Studio at 115 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Though she experienced nervous excitement opening the doors for the first time, doing so has been a dream she has had for "just forever."

"Being an artist, I understand that some people will like it, and some people won't," she said of the decorative arts and garden shop.

The shop has what Sloan calls "a little bit of everything," including gift baskets, original art, non-GMO seeds, bird, butterfly and bat houses and even tea.

Sloan has the experience to fill the shop with unique and interesting finds. She was a

floral designer and horticulturist in Toronto for 20 years, including a stint at the Toronto Botanical Gardens where she honed her buying and decorating skills at the gift shop. She cottaged at Big Hawk Lake since the

early-80s, but made the move to the area in 2004 and became an artist listed on the studio tour.

"It's been lovely and everyone has been wonderful," she said. "It's a nice place to be."

Sloan plans to offer workshops like a fairy garden terrarium workshop that she hopes will be popular. Just days after her store opened, a shopper scooped up all of the fairy garden terrariums that were available.

She's also available

for gardening consultation, or just a chat.

Wall Flower Studio is open from 10-4 on Sundays, 10-6 on Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays, and is closed on Tuesdays. Sloan's blog is available at wallflowerstudioseeds.blogspot.com.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Karen Sloan has opened Wall Flower Studio.

Book store hanging in

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Although e-books and chain stores have taken over the market, there's still something special about a small, local bookstore.

For the last 35 years, Master's Book Store in Haliburton has been that place. Opened in 1979, the store was later purchased by current owner Kathy Stouffer 10 years later. Stouffer had been a volunteer worker at the store since its opening.

"I do love the business," she said. "I've always liked books. It's nice to see people find what they like."

Stouffer marked the anniversary over three days, from June 19-21, with a sale and some goodies for her guests.

The business has evolved over the years to keep up with demands.

"When we started, it was specifically a Christian bookstore," she said. "Gradually, we extended there. We carry a lot of Christian books and general books, and can order just about anything for anybody."

Located in the Village Barn in downtown Haliburton, Master's is also a gift shop.

"We're hanging in for now," Stouffer said. "As everybody knows, this is not an easy time for bookstores anywhere. It's been, as it has been for many of the businesses in Haliburton, a pretty rough winter and spring."

Stouffer said she is thankful to the people who shop at Master's.

"We're certainly grateful for the people that supported this store over the 35 years," she said.

To give back to the community, Stouffer has always been willing to help out local authors and poets who have published work to sell.

"We support them if they let us know," she said. "Not all of them let me know. A lot of them don't. There are a lot of locally produced books that we never hear about, which is too bad. I like to support the ones I can."

Master's also sells tickets for shows, performances and events.

"We do it for the Highland Wind Symphony ... but everybody else we would as well," she said.

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Top Dog

There was a time when Jane had been on top of her game. She knew her goals, they were attainable and she was able to overcome the obstacles. But lately her successes had dwindled and she began to lose her enthusiasm for the challenges life presented.

Then came Saturday. Jane had accompanied her family to a relative's home. The adults sat around chatting with drinks on the deck for an hour before the meal. Jane had to remain indoors, looking out through the patio doors at the people sipping and talking, laughing and nibbling on cheese and crackers. Poor Jane. She had had nothing to eat since that morning and her stomach was rolling around under her rib cage like a restless tiger pacing in its cage.

Now all Jane could think about was food and how she could get her teeth into something edible. She knew it would be at least another hour, possibly two, before she would be fed. This seemed so unfair. Glancing once more at the crossed legs and bent arms outdoors, she thought perhaps, if she played her cards right, she might not have to wait so long to assuage her hunger.

Unfortunately, before settling outside, the

humans had pushed any reachable food to the back of the kitchen counter or, even worse, into the fridge. It was to be a cold supper which meant salads and meat were under wrap and hidden away behind the big white fridge door. But the luscious strawberry rhubarb pie her mistress had made had been set on the counter for all to admire. At first Jane had hoped so much fuss over dessert might distract the baker into carelessness, perhaps leaving the pie within reach. Wrong. Experience had not only taught Jane the ins and outs of food acquisition, it had also taught the humans how to thwart Jane's efforts.

So she watched them, smug and superior as they paid her no heed, despite her nose pressed against the glass, her eyes mournfully pleading whenever one of them happened to glance her way.

Then there was a rustling of feet and pushing of chairs as they drained their glasses and re-entered the house. The youngest family member, a boy of almost 13, offered to put the serving bowls of food on the table. Jane was glad to see this development. Like her, the lad was almost always hungry and not averse to slipping Jane the odd morsel when no one was looking. Now she watched him, hoping for

a taste of something, anything.

As luck would have it, the kitchen was crowded with bodies as water was poured, napkins straightened and all made ready for the meal. But then, an opportunity suddenly presented itself. Jane spied a gap between two kitchen chairs with just enough space for her to fit. This was important because the boy had put the plate of devilled eggs tantalizingly close to the table's edge.

Quickly Jane glanced around surreptitiously. She had the challenge of having to appear nonchalant even while strategizing. The power of observation had always been one of Jane's strength and once again it proved its worth. As she waited for the right moment, Jane could feel her mouth begin to water as her eyes shone in anticipation. Then her chance came.

The boy walked away from the table toward the sink at the same time as his mother turned to the fridge. Jane went for it. It happened so quickly it stymied them at first.

"Did Jane do something?" the woman asked the boy. "I thought I heard something just now."

"She couldn't have," came the reply.

"There wasn't time."

Unfortunately the mother, being so experienced in the ways of Jane, began to think further. As well, her observation skills were on a par with Jane's, to Jane's detriment.

"But look at that space between the chairs," said this beastly woman. "And wait a minute, there should be six devilled eggs and now there are five." At which point all heads turned to Jane. She wagged her tail, trying to look both innocent and ingratiating at the same time.

Jane spent the meal tied to a piano leg in the living room, where all she could do was watch everyone eating in the next room. She sighed, resting her head on the floor. The taste of the devilled egg lingered on her tongue. Jane made a mental note to pay more attention to chair placement in the future. This could be the start of a whole new approach to food thievery. She chuckled under her breath. "Did you hear that?" asked the woman as she bit into her buttered roll.



By Sharon Lynch



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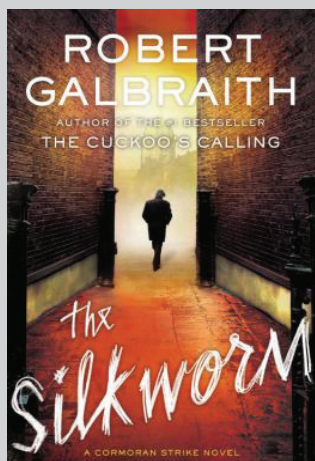
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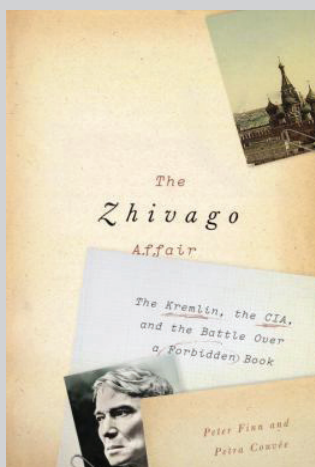
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Art Hive hosts tie dye party to celebrate opening

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Art Hive will celebrate the grand opening of its new workshop by hosting a colourful party on June 28. The event, titled "DYE NO MITE," will also mark the seventh anniversary of the local artisans' collective.

"We are very excited to have this newly renovated space which is a result of a Trillium grant we received last fall," said Sandi Luck, co-director of The Art Hive.

According to Erin Lynch, founder and co-director, the 450-square-foot space became available last summer when the former tenant was no longer able to rent it. Members of The Art Hive decided that it would be ideal for workshops that had been previously run in an outdoor tent or in the gallery space.

"Since we opened, we've ran workshops just as another revenue source," said Lynch.

The Art Hive received a grant for \$13,700 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to improve the workshop space

and create an accessible bathroom. Most of the work was done by members of the organization who volunteered their time, said Lynch. The renovation work began this past winter.

"It's just going to allow us to continue to offer great workshops and be able to expand on different programs. We're open to ideas if people want to rent the space

on a short-term basis, too."

At the upcoming tie dye party, visitors will be able to dye a cotton bandana or bring their own cotton T-shirt or other item for a cost of \$5.

"There will be numerous stations offering different colours and a variety

of techniques," said Luck of the family-friendly event.

Lynch said the idea for the event was one that came from Charlene McConnell, a member of The Art Hive and local potter.

The event will take place between 12 and 3 p.m. at 10239 Hwy 118. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will also be part of the festivities.

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Duchene talks Sochi at water charity event

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Gold medal Olympian and hometown hero Matt Duchene didn't bring his medal to the Water Ambassadors annual golf classic on June 19, but that didn't matter to his fans.

Instead, after playing golf to raise funds for the water education and well-drilling charity, 112 people attending dinner hung on his every word while he described his time in Sochi.

"A lot of the things that happened in the past that might not have been so good, like the World Juniors – I never actually played, I got cut at 17, and that was hard for me," said Duchene. "I never got a chance to play because I was in the NHL at 18, so that was a real tough moment not making that team so [the Olympics] kind of made up for it a little bit."

Duchene showed a slide show of photos from this year's Olympic Games in which he took part as a member of Team Canada's gold-winning hockey team. The audience saw behind-the-scenes photos of Team Canada, as well as pictures of landmarks seen only on television for most. They also saw a lot of photos of fur-clad Russians taken by Duchene's dad, Vince. Duchene joked with his dad throughout the presentation before answering questions from the audience.

The team didn't have a curfew while at the Olympics, although they did need to be open about where they were headed when leaving Olympic Village due to drug testing regulations.

"Pro hockey, even in the NHL, we don't really have curfews or anything like that," said

Duchene. "We're pros and we're trusted to take care of our bodies and ourselves the way we should. That's kind of our responsibility."

The knee injury that has been nagging him since March hasn't gone away, though he is working on recovering from it during his summer break.

"It's lingering a little bit," he told the crowd. "I'm not too happy about it, but it happens, I guess."

Duchene spoke of his teammates, especially friends Jonathan Toews and Sidney Crosby, and answered questions about coach Patrick Roy and goalie Carey Price.

"It was pretty cool for me as a young guy who had never played in big games like that at that level to look around the room and see that calm on people's faces and just know we were going to win. It made me believe we were going to win."

He didn't bring his gold medal to the event, but it is here in Haliburton with him.

"I try to be as humble as I can about it but it's hard because I'm still pretty excited about it," he said.

Duchene told The Highlander the medal is usually very close to him.

"I'm very proud to be from here and to bring a gold medal back here, to a small



Photo by Sue Tiffin
Matt Duchene is back in the Highlands.

town – there's never been one here, so it's pretty special. Next is hopefully a Stanley Cup."

"I get paranoid, because it's like, the most valuable thing to me," he said. "I don't want it to go missing. It's kind of scary that way when you have something that precious to you. It's pretty cool. When I look at it, it's still really exciting. My dog and my medal I worry about most of the time."

Duchene is in the area with his long-time girlfriend Ashley Grossaint, who is spending her second full summer in the county.

"She's never seen lakes like we have up here," said Duchene. "They have beautiful lakes and mountains [in Colorado] but they don't touch our lakes."

"For me to get out and be on the lake, I mean, to me, there's no better view in the world than a lake in Haliburton in the evening at sunset."

While in Haliburton, Duchene said he's not bothered by the attention he gets on the streets from fans or community members.

"The nice thing is, when I come back, people will stop and talk to me, but it's not like it's from a fan perspective. It's more like a, 'oh hey, I've known you since you were 10,' kind of thing. We talk about hockey for a few minutes and then it's on to other stuff.

That's what I really enjoy. It doesn't matter that I've played hockey or not, everyone always treats me the same. That's what I love about this town and that's why I'll always come back."

Duchene is well-known for his love of Haliburton, a town he said his teammates all know well because of his passion for it. He's also recognized for his generosity, which is how he came to support the Water Ambassadors charity.

"I really enjoy aiming at a smaller group that I can feel more connected to, in a way. That's how I feel about this. I can't even imagine the reward you would feel by helping these communities with water. This is a great organization."

He said he would eventually like to take a volunteer trip himself, when his career calms down.

Being involved with volunteer trips has been life-changing for team coordinator Brenda McKee.

"It's quite a local, homegrown thing," she said. "Once you go, your sister goes."

McKee said Water Ambassadors Canada has only grown since its inception in 2002. The Canadian-based charity strives to install quality chlorination systems, repair and drill wells and educate or train local people to manage the systems. Trips are now made to Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, India, as well as within Africa.

The golf classic event raised \$25,000 for Water Ambassadors Canada.

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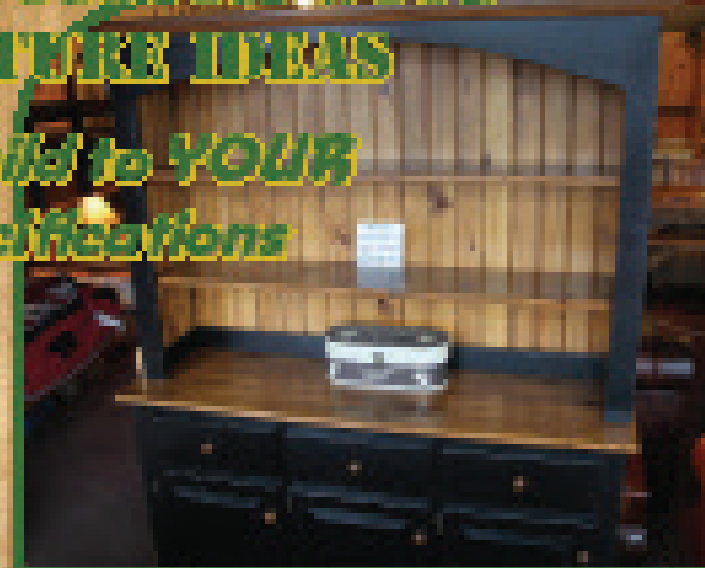
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Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin, Philip Agnew, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott cut the ribbon at the new Wilberforce library grand opening on June 21.

New library in Wilberforce

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It's been over a year in the works, but the Wilberforce Sustainable Library is officially open for business.

On June 21, community members packed into the new library to see the finished structure and help cut the ribbon.

"We've had quite a journey," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton. "We've had a lot of fun, but I can say we've finally made it."

Haliburton's MP, Barry Devolin, attended the event.

"This is the third library opening I've been to in the Haliburton Highlands just in the last few years," he said. "Each is beautiful in its own way."

He said he loved the way some of the materials were re-used in the building. He also said that despite the move to digital books and information, libraries are not obsolete.

"There's still a desire for people to come together," he said. "Libraries play an important role for us in the community. It's wonderful to have this facility."

Burton said without the community's support, the library wouldn't have come together.

"[It took] a lot of hard work and a heck of a lot of public support to do what we've done to get us here today," he said. "[It was] through the recommendation of one of our committees that we thought we would approach [Fleming College]."

The library was erected by Fleming's sustainable building students over the summer. Site preparation prior to the build, and finishing work afterwards, was undertaken by the municipality.

"The students were excellent, and everything they've done here has been excellent," Burton said.

He presented a plaque to the library launchers, who almost raised their goal of \$40,000 to furnish the library. Names of

the launchers are listed on the plaque that will hang in the library. It was presented to librarian Julie Thornton.

Burton also thanked the Haliburton County Development Corporation for their financial support, as well as the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) which provided \$12,600 to help furnish the library.

"This is wonderful to see so many people in your brand new library," said Kathryn Rogers, OTF volunteer and member of the grant review committee for the area. "What a proud moment for your community."

She said the OTF was happy to support this project.

"Libraries today aren't just about books," she said. "There's a lot more there. The library in your community is a place to gather, a place to connect with your community, and a place to connect with the world through the library's resources."

Burton also credited Highlands East council and staff for their work on the project.

"I have to say a thank you to Highlands East council," he said. "These guys were nothing but gold to work with while we were doing this."

While they didn't always agree on the project's details – the green roof being an example – Burton said they were always able to compromise and work through it.

Staff also put in a lot of work at the site. "I'm so extremely pleased with Highland East staff. Our roads department did most of the landscaping that's been done here. It wasn't easy. It's been quite a challenge for us."

There were too many people involved in the project to thank everybody, he said.

"Everybody in the community wanted to be a part of this," said Burton. "We did it together. It does take a community to build a library. You guys are part of it, you guys own it. Enjoy."

Highlander life



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Haliburton residents gather at Head Lake Park to enjoy a concert at the new bandshell.

Rotary Bandshell opens to crowd of music fans

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The sun was shining on June 22 when a crowd gathered at Head Lake Park to celebrate the grand opening of the Rotary bandshell.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton sponsored the event with a free concert and barbecue.

Seniors, babies, couples, friends, boaters and dogs were in the crowd that gathered to take in music performed by Carl Dixon and Ragged Company.

Dixon warmed up the audience and had them cheer for fellow musician Gord Kidd, who had recently been transported to Haliburton Hospital after an ATV accident.

"Let's clap so loud that he hears us across

the lake," Dixon said.

Jeff Kuryliw and Teresa Boots leaned back in the grass while watching Dixon play.

"This is an awesome opportunity to present the bandshell to the community," said Boots.

Local MP Barry Devolin and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey took to the stage to thank supporters like the HCDC, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Steve Roberts, John Beachli and George Kadoke.

Kadoke put in plenty of volunteer hours as the project manager for the municipality and Rotary Club representative working on the bandshell.

"I didn't realize how bad the old bandshell looked until I saw this going up," said Fearrey. "Is there any better place than this?"

Devolin said the bandshell had undergone

an amazing transformation. He remembers when the space was taken by the remnants of a sawmill and a train coming in and out of town. Devolin praised the municipality for being involved in the project, which he said only helped to beautify the town and bring the community together.

"It may not be the final piece but it's definitely an important piece," said Devolin.

Rotary Club president Lance Edwards wasn't at the grand opening but applauded the event.

"I think it's the jewel of Head Lake," he said. "I love it, it's beautiful. It took a lot of work, patience and planning by a lot of people to bring it to fruition."

Live music is scheduled at the bandshell every Tuesday evening beginning on July 8.

Sisters are back

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

You could hear it in their voices: these ladies love to sing.

"It's exhilarating, joyful," said Haliburton Shout Sister! Choir director, Laurel McCauley. "The women are just so appreciative to be part of [the choir] and be able to sing without having to audition, and without having to read music. Just the joy of singing is so therapeutic."

On June 19, the women of the Haliburton Shout Sister! Choir performed a fundraising concert to benefit the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary and Food For Kids at the Haliburton United Church.

They raised almost \$1,300.

"They got a big blast out of the concert," McCauley said. "They were just over the moon."

The choir performed a variety of songs, including classics like Landslide by Stevie Nicks, Lean on Me by Bill Withers, and Bob Dylan's Forever Young.

McCauley said the choir's season runs from September through June, with weekly practices. In June, they usually host a single fundraising concert. However, Shout Sisters! often does other performances, frequently at Extencare and for other events, such as Gooderham's fundraiser for its bandshell.

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Wendy Bolt will shave her head on Canada Day to raise money for new floors at the Minden Legion.

Bolt going bald for the Legion

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

On Canada Day, Wendy Bolt is shaving 24 inches of her long, thick hair for charity.

The member of the Minden Legion executive raised \$10,000 for cancer research by doing the same thing four years ago. Now she wants to raise enough to help replace the Minden Legion's worn floor.

"We support the community in so many different ways," she said. "We want to make

sure it's safe for those who use it, including seniors."

So far, Bolt has raised \$400 for the cause, with some people even donating to her casually at the grocery store. Donations can be dropped off at the Minden Legion on Hwy. 35, or mailed to Royal Canadian Legion Branch, Box 238.

Bolt's hair will hit the ground on July 1 between 11:30 and 12 noon at a tent located near the Minden post office. Gina's Shear Talent of Minden will perform the haircut.

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Grads sport the pride of the red

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Ninety-one Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students celebrated their high school achievements and set their sights on the future at this year's commencement ceremony held on June 25.

"This is your night," said vice-principal Ian Patterson, who was the evening's emcee. "We're here for you."

Parents, staff and Grade 12 graduates filled the school's gymnasium for the event, which highlighted the pride of being a Red Hawk.

"Your perseverance, hard work and

dedication to your goal of graduating has now been achieved," said principal Dan Marsden, as he reminded the students that this journey began four years ago.

"Grads, you have achieved a key piece of accomplishment in your young lives. You will now have a high school diploma as part of your foundation."

Gary Brohman, former HHSS principal and current Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee, told the graduates that a diploma is something they can cherish forever.

"You'll always have this," he said. "No one can take it away, and you can feel very

proud of that."

An active member of the school, Daryl Woodley was named this year's valedictorian. In her speech, she looked back on the learning and growing experiences that students went through over the past four years.

"Our willingness to learn is what made us who we are today," said Woodley. "Education is the reason we began this journey four years ago. But if you ask me, here at Hal High we learned infinitely more than just math, science and English. We have learned what it has been like to be part of something grander than ourselves."

Despite being part of a generation facing increasing challenges, nothing can get in the way of continual learning, said Woodley.

She encouraged graduates to never give up on their dreams, and highlighted some of the great leaders who experienced many failures along the path to success.

"If you only take one thing away from what I have to say tonight, it's do not fail to try."

According to the evening's program, Woodley will be attending Queen's University next fall to pursue her passions in English and drama.

Highlander grads



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Valedictorian Daryl Woodley receives her diploma from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden. Right: Spencer Trueman speaks with school board trustee Gary Brohman after crossing the stage. Left: School board trustee Gary Brohman encourages students to hold on to their diploma and their memories.

Highlander grads

ASES grads celebrate their night

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

They laughed, they cried, they graduated.

The 2014 Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) graduates walked across the stage during the evening of June 23 while their teacher made note of their future ambitions and their parents took photos.

Owen "Smitty" Smith was the valedictorian for the class of 39 students.

"This school means so much more than what people think it means to this graduating class," he said. "Archie Stouffer is not just four walls."

Smith thanked the ASES teachers and support staff for their efforts in helping the school year run smoothly.

"Good job getting through the year putting up with every one of us," he said.

Smith addressed his fellow students as they watched him on stage.

"This school has made us all work together and come together as one team," he said. "I know that every one of you out there will go far in life. Whatever it is that you want to be or you want to do, you go ahead and do it. Live your dream because you only have one



Photos by Sue Tiffin

ASES honours awards students show off their hardware after their graduation ceremony. Top row, from left, are Sulyen Rondeau, Shelby Stephenson, Margaret Caballero-Skinner, Skye Miscio, Carley Duncan, Madison Allaire, and Nickki Weber. Bottom row, from left, are Andrew Carmount, Jake Graham, Owen "Smitty" Smith, Camraen Little, Devyn Prentice, Owen Patterson-Smith, Aidan Garbutt, Adrien Petric, and Brendan Taylor. Not pictured is Alexander Kim.

life so you'd better make it count and pursue your dreams. If you work hard at it, anything is possible."

Several audience members became emotional during the ceremony.

"I'm sort of happy but sort of sad at the same time," said graduate Alisa Zaynutdinova. "I cried in the middle of Smitty's speech. I was just emotional."

Many of the students said the moment was bittersweet as they said goodbye to their elementary days and moved on to high school.

"I'm nervous-cited," said Desiree Beaudry. "I'm nervous about all of the bigger kids, but I'm excited to go to a whole new level where we're closer to accomplishing our goals."

Dawson MacDuff felt "pretty good" about graduating.

"They say there's a lot more freedom there," he said of high school.

After the ceremony, students attended a graduation dance to end their elementary school career with a celebration.

Several students piled into a limo that drove around town for twenty minutes before taking them to the dance.

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Top left: Grads and their dates piled into a limo for a 20 minute ride around Minden. Above: ASES valedictorian Owen 'Smitty' Smith collected a few awards. Left: Grade 7 student Cassidy Mahler (left) was emotional while saying goodbye to graduate Alisa Zaynutdinova at the ASES graduation celebration on June 23. Far left: ASES graduates Desiree Beaudry (left) and Emma Weiss took a breather outside the graduation ceremony before the dance began.



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Left: Students stand up and cheer for this year's valedictorian, Wesley Stoughton. Right: Students listen intently as this year's valedictorian, Wesley Stoughton, addresses graduates.

JDH grads roaring towards Hal High

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Surrounded by family, friends and teachers, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students proudly walked across the stage and took the next step towards their high school education.

On June 24, the Grade 8 graduating class received their diplomas during a ceremony held in the school's gymnasium.

Gary Brohman, local school board trustee for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), greeted the graduates by encouraging them not to take this day for granted.

"Grade 8 only comes once so enjoy your evening," said Brohman.

"To the parents, congratulations on this milestone. The next bout is teenage life at high school – I wish you well."

His final message to students was to attend class and get involved in

extracurricular activities.

"High school can be, if you make it, the best years of your life."

This year's valedictorian, Wesley Stoughton, told his fellow graduates about how his teachers helped him get to where he is today.

"The teachers here have done a great job in preparing us for the next milestone in our careers as students, even though some of us might have been a real pain to deal with," said Stoughton. "They never gave up on us, though."

Principal Elaine Fournier called it an honour and privilege to have been part of these students' journey for the past three years.

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Subject awards

Music – Cassidy Davis, Emily Klose, Claire Karaguesian

Drama – Kayla Bird, Jonas Hill, Madeline Hopkins

Visual Arts – Cailyn Robinson, Kyla Paterson, Cullen Johnston

Dance – Christopher Draper, Madeline Hopkins, Alec Stoughton

Health and Physical Education – Brittany Imasuen, Parker Smolen, Mia Quigley

Math – Zack Williams, Emily Klose, Ian Griffin

Science – Brandon Verstege, Zack Williams, Claire Karaguesian

English – Brittany Imasuen, Kayla Bird, Brandon Verstege

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The 2013-2014 Wilberforce Elementary School graduating class. Back row, from left, are Melinda Meharrie, Jason Wood, Lily-Rose Drain, and Jessica Hanns-Stevens. Front row, from left, are Alexis Toth, Taylor Davies, Mikaela Kauffeldt, Ethan Evans, Tiffany Tarbett, Jacob Grant, Garrick Lee, and Noah Taylor.

Advice for Wilberforce grads: get involved

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Wilberforce Elementary School (WES) Grade 8 class has graduated and is ready for high school.

Most are headed to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, with others are going to Bancroft.

The students graduated on June 24.

“We are looking forward to this new chapter of our lives,” said class

valedictorian Taylor Davies in her speech. “I would like to congratulate everyone for coming this far.”

Gary Brohman, the school’s trustee, encouraged parents to be patient with the students as they transition into their teenage years.

“Be kind to your teenagers,” he said. “You were one at one time. The highs and lows of teenage life, everybody needs kindness, guidance and support, and I know they’ll get it as they enter high school.”

For the students, Brohman offered advice to make high school a memorable time.

“To the grads, a simple message for you,” he said. “Academics is number one, but I’m going to tell you something. I’ve been in education a long time. Extracurriculars, clubs, music, sports, in my view come a really close second. Get involved, make high school some of the best years of your life, and you do that with extracurriculars and academics.”

He ended by sharing the three rules of success in high school. Go to class, go to

class, go to class.

“It does work, and you will be successful,” he said.

Awards were handed out for academics, athletics, citizenship, most improved, leadership, French, and perseverance in each grade. The Grade 8 students also received awards and bursaries handed out by Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

After the ceremony, the graduates celebrated with a dinner and night out. They fundraised throughout the year through school dances to fund the party.

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Proud kids of Cardiff

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Cardiff Elementary School (CES) is sending a fresh batch of students to its partner school in Wilberforce next year.

On June 23, the Grade 3 students graduated from CES in a ceremony held at the community centre in Cardiff. The celebration began with a performance by the kindergarten students, followed by awards for academics, athletics, most improved, and more.

The graduates will attend Wilberforce Elementary School next year for Grade 4.

Senior kindergarten students also graduated into Grade 1.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top right: The Cardiff Elementary School graduating class is excited to be moving on to Grade 4 at Wilberforce Elementary School next year. In the back row, from left, are Jocelyn Winter, Owen Deterling, Isaiah Donaldson, Ryder Graham, Destiny Storey, Hannah Huffman, and Violette Kane. Front row, from left, are Rick Ervin, Parker Lovell, Tristin Pettipas-Elkins, and Al Ervin. Right: Senior Kindergarten student Ruby Morrison receives her diploma. She will be starting Grade 1 next year. Far right: The Kindergarten class performs a song to kick off the graduation ceremony.



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Grads succeed on the road less travelled

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The traditional path to obtaining a high school diploma isn't for everyone.

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On June 24, 16 students celebrated their recent success at a graduation ceremony held at McKecks Tap & Grill in Haliburton.

Gary Brohman, Haliburton County's trustee for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), opened up the event with a few words of advice to graduates.

"There's really no template to life," said Brohman. "There's no template to when you should finish high school or get your high school diploma. For some people it just goes tic-tac-toe. Then for others, the hills and valleys of life are tough."

He told the graduates to give themselves a pat on the back because they're "the real winners of education along with the Adult Ed staff."

This year's valedictorian, Jackie Shank, reflected on her journey at the centre. When she moved to Haliburton from Guelph, she only had five credits out of the required 30 to graduate.

"When I first came to the AETC at 19 with only five credits, I knew it was my

last chance to complete my OSSD [Ontario Secondary School Diploma]," said Shank. "It was definitely a change of atmosphere from the school I had attended in the past, partly because of their unique academic approach and the school trips that the Adult Ed took, which was unlike a regular high school."

Shank thanked staff, family, friends, the TLDSB administration, and community partners for helping her reach her goals.

"It is time for us to set goals for our future, but before we can do that, however, we all need a vision and a dream. Above all, we learned that we can overcome any obstacle that our future may hold. If we don't, we are only wasting our potential," she said.

Bruce Barrett, TLDSB superintendent of schools, said it was evident that there was a lot of love in the room. He commended students, staff and parents for working together to reach this point.

"The one thing you have in this room besides love is that this room echoes resilience, and resilience will do you well through your entire life," he said.

Student awards

Quinn Bannister - CUPE Achievement in Workplace Award

Blake Paterson - CUPE Award for Apprenticeship

Tyler Stoughton - OSSTF Apprenticeship



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Carol Patrick, branch manager of TD Canada Trust in Minden, left, hands over a \$1,000 cheque to Erin Lynch, coordinator of the Artists in the Schools program.

Acknowledgement

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By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It may be the off-season, but that doesn't mean Izac Reid has stopped thinking about snowcross.

The Minden snowcross star is fresh off his best season yet, finishing fourth overall in both the Junior 1 and Junior 2 CSRA Snowcross Series. He finished seventh in the previous season.

"[I had] more consistency," Reid said off his performance this season, adding he consistently finished in the top five of his races.

Now that the snow has gone, Reid spends his time riding motocross, sea doos, and working out, all in preparation for next year. He's also working towards buying a new snowmobile for next season, a 2013 Polaris IQR 600.

"There's a huge improvement [between] my sled I raced this year and this [new] sled," he said.

The young racer is aggressive on the track, always looking for the win. However, it's hard to keep up with some teams that are running superior sleds. This new snowmobile will help even those odds, he said.

"I'm hoping for a top three finish next year," said Reid. "That's my goal."

Reid's team consists of himself and his family. It can be costly to attend races across the province and into Quebec, which is why he is seeking the community's help in the form of sponsorships. The family spends a lot of money on gas and equipment, as well as registration fees.

Izac Reid
Snowcross racer

Anyone interested in sponsoring Reid should contact the family at timbircontracting@hotmail.com.

As for Reid, the CSRA Series is only the beginning.

"I want to make the X Games," he said.

"I want to go pro."

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Left: OPP constable Paul Potter helps Cooper Coles, 7, adjust his helmet at the Shifting Gears event on June 21. Above: Auxiliary constable Geoff Bunn performs a brake inspection for seven-year-old Taylor Consack.

Cops teach bike safety at Head Lake

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's cyclists – young and old – met at Head Lake Park on the weekend to learn about bike safety and get tips on handling.

Andrea Mueller, municipal recreation pilot project coordinator for Dysart et al, organized Shifting Gears on June 21.

"I contacted the OPP to see if they would help us out," she said. "They usually do

a bike rodeo but weren't doing one this year."

The police were there in the morning teaching bike safety to young riders, teaching them about safety equipment and hand signals, and showing them how to navigate a small obstacle course.

More experienced riders were able to spend time with 14-year-old mountain bike racer Nick Emsley, who took them through a more difficult course and provided tips on how to handle their bikes.

"He was there the whole day and gave

lots of people one-on-one and a couple skills sessions and stuff, so that was great," Mueller said.

Over 50 kids and their families participated in the morning. That afternoon, cyclists came from all over, including Peterborough, for a guided ride through Glebe Park and Sir Sam's.

Mueller said the day was a success, but she's already thinking about next year and how they can increase the turnout. One of the ideas came from Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's, who suggested more of an

adventure-based festival with biking in the morning, followed by paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing, and rock climbing.

"I think that might bring more people in the afternoon," she said.

The OPP have already agreed to participate again next year. Mueller said they liked having one location and all the kids came out to learn about safety.

"The plan is to move ahead for next year," she said.

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The Haliburton 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet 2014 Bronze Medal Marksmanship Team. From left are Sergeant Colt Taylor, Warrant Officer Robert Nichols, Master Warrant Officer Ronald Nichols, Master Corporal Vivian Collings and Lance Corporal Alex Taylor.

Cadet sharpshooters earn bronze

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A team of cadet shooters represented their corps well at a regional competition earlier this year.

Master Warrant Officer Ronald Nichols, Warrant Officer Robert Nichols, Sergeant Colt Taylor, Master Corporal Vivian Collings and Lance Corporal Alex Taylor, all of Haliburton 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, competed at the Peterborough Armoury on March 23 in the Cadet Zone Marksmanship Competition.

"It's a build-up to the national competition," said Captain Dan Collins, who is also the corps' training officer.

Top zone competitors advance to the regional competition, then provincials and onto nationals, he said. Although none of the Haliburton shooters advanced to the regional competition, they did bring home some hardware from the shoot.

The 1129 team took home third place overall, winning a bronze medal. Collings scored the highest junior individual cadet score to win the gold, and also a third place in the open class individual competition.

"We've been participating [in the competition] for a good 15 years," Collins said. "It's the best standing we've ever

achieved. This is the first time a cadet from our corps has won an individual medal, which is pretty awesome."

The shooters left Peterborough unaware of their standings. Scores were tallied and the teams notified in April. Medals were awarded locally in May.

"We were hoping we scored high enough to get a spot at regional," Collins said.

However, a change in format may have played a part in the team not making the next level of competition. Collins said organizers used to send the top three teams from each zone, however now they select teams by top score across the region.

While the team has always trained hard with their air rifles, Collins credits the help of volunteer coaches Keith Cunningham and Linda Miller with the teams success.

"I've been one of the marksmanship coaches for quite a few years now," he said. "We're getting better results each year. I attributed it to stuff I was learning at MilCun [Training Centre] and through my job."

However, Cunningham and Miller, owners and chief instructors at MilCun, have brought another level of training to the team.

"I'm telling you, the things these young people learned, I'm sure they did as well as they did because of the things Keith and Linda taught them."

Through my eyes I'll be back... maybe



By Austin McGillion

Let's talk finances.

When I was growing up, I took classes in middle school to educate me on finances and keeping a budget. Needless to say, none of this prepared me for a job or actually taught me how to obtain said money to keep my necessities in check.

When I moved here I was stumped and a little fearful of living in an apartment and making the necessary money to afford to live, but I found out two things: it is best to do a job that you enjoy over making a lot of money and being miserable, and it is beneficial to go out into the world and communicate with people about your skills so you may become employed.

I moved here a few years ago and I immediately began to notice that wages and prices are different here. This was concerning because I was afraid a modest job wouldn't pay enough, but I was informed the wages here match the cost of living. My financial skills are poor because I am the least frugal person I know. I now find myself better prepared than I was several years ago, because I have a plan for paying bills and allocating money for my

needs and the amount I can spend on all of these.

Now let's talk about my current employment for school co-op. I love The Highlander, I love my colleagues and my job, not because I have to but because they're funny, they enjoy what they do, and they like seeing what new ideas I have. I am sad to know that this may be the last column I can write without applying for a job with The Highlander as this Friday will be the end of school and the end of this co-op.

I do hope I can keep this job, because I do love doing this and it is fun. In my time as a member of The Highlander, I have come to know some of the people who work there, including my editor and close friend Matthew, his fiancée Ashley, our production manager Heather, and Bram, our publisher. I have enjoyed getting to know these wonderful people and I hope I can continue my efforts in this community and with The Highlander. Thank you all for your encouragement over the last four months.

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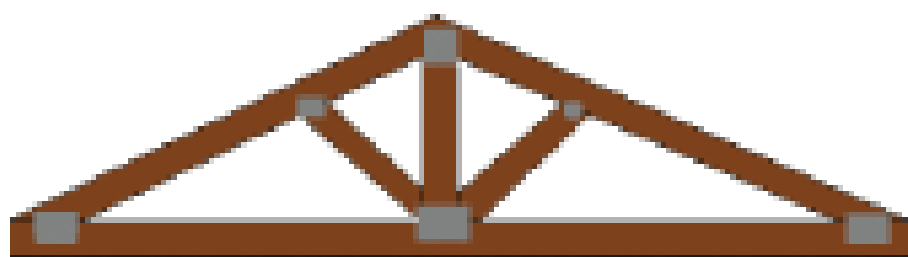
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WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: two tickets to Highlands Summer Festival show 'Back in '59' on Monday, July 7. Call Jim at 416-434-5645 or 705-286-2727. (JL3)

GARAGE/YARD SALES

MOVING SALE – everything must go! House, vehicles, furniture, tools! Sale throughout June until gone. The old Austrian village restaurant, 1057 Colonial Rd, Minden. First right off Hwy 35. Call Joe, 705-286-4473 or 647-381-4473.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, 9-2 p.m. 1293 Peninsula Dr. (end of the road). Furniture, chairs, tables, beds, air hockey table, sewing machines & much more.

CONTENTS SALE
June 28 & 29
Starts at 8 a.m.
1347 Reynolds Road
(Horseshoe Lake)
boats, motor, 4 wheeler, tools, hardware, antiques
new harley t-shirts,
furniture, bedding,
100% essential oils & more

MOVING SALE – Saturday, June 28, 10-3 p.m. 13761 Hwy 118, Haliburton. Inquire: 705-455-9666. Coffee table, 51"Lx26"W, two end 27"x 24"W, \$225 set. Leather sofa, 90", \$150, pine dining set, 4 arm chairs, 42"Wx52"D with leaf, hutch 56"Wx18"Dx32", teak credenza, 72"x17", \$200, other household items – band saw, \$200, hand tools, furniture.

GARAGE SALE, June 28 & 29, 10-4 p.m. 1017 Eves Rd (118 east to Paradise Cove Rd, 1km from Highway). Saws, tools, housewares, art, CDs, etc.

GARAGE SALE – 1017 EVES RD!

YARD SALE, Saturday, June 28, 8-6 p.m. Older farm tractor, six ft. 3 pt hitch snowblower, table saw, mitre saw, tools, dishes, furniture, 1964 Ford Galaxie convertible. 1823 Old Donald Rd.

NEW MISC. TOOLS, clothes, work boots, garden rakes, household items, new 10 cubic foot dump cart, tractor tires. Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29, 1689 Braeloch Rd, Halls Lake area.

GIANT GARAGE SALE – tools, kayaks, household items, paddleboats, camp stove and lantern, sofa bed, box trailer and hitch, dock ladder. 1015 Basshaunt Lake Rd. Saturday, June 28, 8-2 p.m. Follow signs near Sir Sam's Ski parking lot.

3983 Deep Bay Rd, Minden. Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29, 7:30-4 p.m. HUGE SELECTION of wood working, shop tools, craft items and household items.

IN MEMORY

*In Memory of our Mother-In-Law
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EVENTS

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MISKWABI AREA WATERSHED PLAN LONG, MISKWABI, NEGAUNEE AND WENONA LAKES

Property Owners and Stakeholders Meeting

Saturday, June 28, 2014
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Haliburton Library

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Winston James
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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday morning, June 20, 2014 in his 73rd year. Beloved husband and friend of Cheryl James (nee Moore) for over 50 years. Loving father of Brent, Doreen (Buck), Marcy (Morgan). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Violet, Rowan, Daniel,曹 and Addison and his four-legged grandson Scampers.

Dear brother of Emily and Andy. Predeceased by his brothers John, Bob, Warren and sister Betty. Winston was a talented wood worker, craftsman, a respected teacher and musician. He had a passion for outdoor activities like fishing and hunting, but his family was paramount.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 1875 Hwy. 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday evening, June 22, 2014 from 2-8 p.m. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, June 23, 2014 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment St. George's Anglican Church Cemetery, Clifton. An expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit or the Parkinson Society would be appreciated by the family.



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NOTICE



Municipality of Highlands East
Household Hazardous Waste Events

Location: Tory Hill Landfill Site (Ward 4)
Located at 19178 Hwy. 118 (between Wilberforce & Tory Hill)

Date: Saturday, June 28th, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please present your valid Waste Disposal Card to the attendant

Location: Faraday Public Works Yard-Household Hazardous Waste Site
Located at 29860 Hwy. 28 South (across from the intersection of Monck Road & Hwy. 28)

Dates: July 5th, August 9th & September 20th, 2014

Times: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Contact the Environmental Department at 613-339-2442 if you have any questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste in the Municipality of Highlands East.

NOTICE

PETS

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ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS...

DOWNTOWN

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Rotary Club- Peameal Bacon on a bun/Hotdogs
 Lions Club- Burgers/Hotdogs
 Fire Fighters-Beef on a Bun
 Agricultural Society- Waffle Wagon

NEW!

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
 St. Paul's Anglican Church
 Festival of the August Moon
 Haliburton Rotary Club

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

Taoist Tai Chi demonstrations. *Beside Organic Times on Bobcaygeon Road*
 Haliburton Farmer's Association:

BBQ Sampler. *Beside Organic Times on Bobcaygeon Road*

Tractor Display. *On Invergordon Ave.*

NEW!

CULTURAL CENTRE

"Sciensational Sssnakes" booth. *Outside on grass*

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary booth. *Outside on grass*

ARTFEST! *In Common Room*

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NEW!

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DOWNTOWN

8:00: Kids Bass Fishing Derby begins.
At Town Dock on Water Street.
 11:00: Kids Bass Fishing Derby Closes. *Live weigh in at Town Dock on Water Street. Prizes for everyone!*
 11:00-12:15: Crazy River Raft Race Registration Opens. *At Rotary Park off Hwy #35*
 11:00-12:00: Highland Concert Band. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
 12:00: Opening Ceremonies. RCL Colour Party parade, National Anthem performed by HC Band, opening remarks, cake. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
 12:15: Haliburton Dance Academy performance. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
 12:30: Crazy River Raft Race begins. Sponsored by Minden Canadian Tire. *Starts at Rotary Park and ends downtown*

12:45: St. Paul's Anglican Church: "Sister Act" Performance and Children's Hand Bell Choir Performance. *At Main Stage*

1:30: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by Minden Lioness. *At Town Dock on Water Street.*

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

11:00-12:00: Abbey North Drummers. Join in a drumming circle! *Beside Organic Times on Bobcaygeon Road*

1:00-2:00: Abbey North Drummers. Join in a drumming circle! *Beside Organic Times on Bobcaygeon Road*

12:00-2:00: **FREE!** Wagon Rides (to and from the Cultural Centre) *On Invergordon Ave*

CULTURAL CENTRE

12:30-1:30: **FREE!** Ice Cream! Sponsored by Kawartha Dairy. *Until supplies last. Outside on grass.*

1:00-2:00: SCIENSATIONAL SSSNAKES Show! *Hands-on educational program about reptiles and amphibians for the young and the young at heart. Outside on grass*

FAIRGROUNDS

6:30pm: Agricultural Society Food Booth.

9:30pm: Fireworks! *Parking is \$5.00. Walk-ins by donation. Sponsored by the Government of Canada, Minden Lions Club and the Township of Minden Hills. Hosted by the Minden Fire Fighters*

Highlander events



Photo by Sue Tiffin

The fairgrounds were packed as spectators watched contestants try to drag 'The Judge.'

Minden truck pull gets motors running

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Despite less crowd participation due to a similar event in Burl's Creek on the same day, the Minden Kin Club annual truck pull was packed full of events on June 21.

An ATV mud bog, ATV training session, show and shine car show and the truck pull itself drew a crowd of people at the gates early that morning.

The Haliburton ATV association's mud bog event began at 9 a.m. with ATV riders racing through a pit of

mud in an attempt to get through the course with the quickest time. By the time the event wore down, racers as well as some enthusiastic viewers were coated in mud.

"It's an event we've participated in for the last three years," said Steve Turner of North Bay. "We've always done a good job and they've treated us well."

The show and shine event put dazzling relics on display, including an old-time fleet from Kawartha Dairy and a collection from Fowler Construction that delighted kids and adults alike.

Kyle Burley of Stanhope won first

prize in the event for his highway tractor. The tractor was "a little dirty," he told the judges, because it was a working vehicle. Burley was excited when it won, even though it did so by default.

"It's nice to support the local shows," said Burley. "Something about the hometown show just feels right about going in every year. It's nice to see all the locals show up and support everything."

The Truck Pull raises around \$5,000 for the local community. Last year, the Kinsmen donated \$10,000 to Minden Flood Relief.

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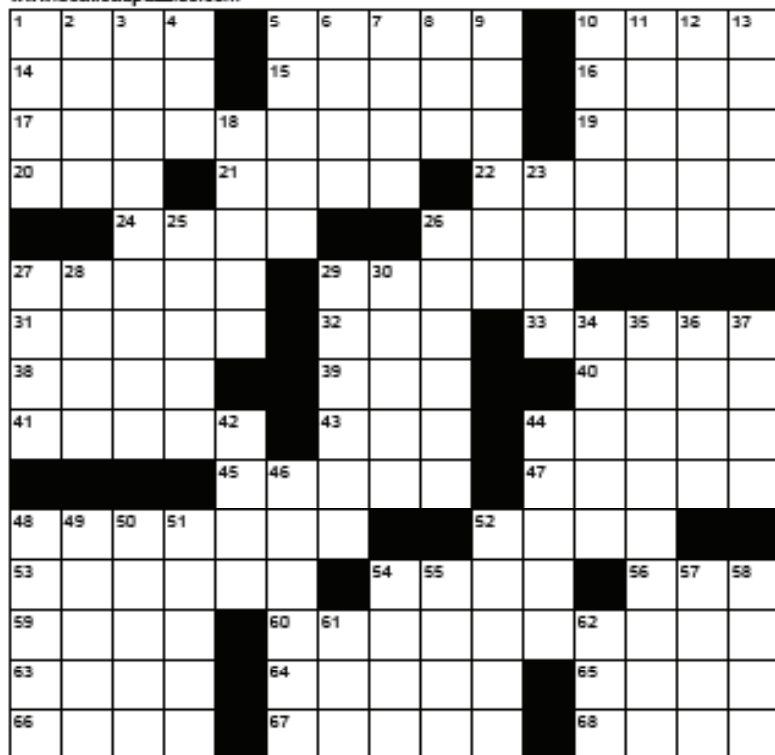
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Highlander events

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1. Sour
5. Comic ____ Martin
10. Small quarrel
14. Sole
15. Eiffel Tower locale
16. Ecuador's neighbor
17. Member of the nobility
19. Drizzle
20. Group
21. Greek Cupid
22. Reluctant
24. Negative contraction
26. Pittsburgh footballer
27. Keyboard instrument
29. Tardier
31. Role player
32. Tall tale
33. Actress ____ Davis
38. Look narrowly
39. Fruit drink
40. Region
41. Tacked on
43. Actor ____ Gibson
44. Ringlet
45. Prepared
47. Make joyful
48. Scoundrels
52. Monster's loch
53. Canada's capital
54. Spoiled child
56. Alien's ship (abbr.)
59. Hurt
60. ____ vision
63. Vocalist ____ Fitzgerald
64. Disparaging
65. Actor Richard ____
66. Valley
67. Borders
68. Mined minerals

DOWN

1. Lamenting cry
2. Earth's center
3. Began
4. ____ Plains
5. Tennis, e.g.
6. Mexican snack
7. Messes up
8. Through
9. Real ____
10. Shopping frenzy
11. Oyster gem
12. Ascend
13. Radio receiver
18. Male voice
23. Action word
25. Sleep noise
26. Rock band ____ Dan
27. Mama's man
28. Like some tea
29. Andean animals
30. Assisted
34. English noblemen
35. Financial officer
36. Big quiz
37. Leisure
42. Depict
44. Molars
46. Pass, as time
48. Lassoed
49. Dickens title beginning (2 wds.)
50. Motionless
51. Panama ____
52. Neck parts
54. Ship's prison
55. Be a passenger
57. Passenger
58. Bullring cries
61. Cease
62. Conceit

JUNE & JULY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 1 p.m. CanoeFM Radiothon auction, David Alexander Risk painting – Sassy Digs, Minden, 4-7 p.m. Tour of the Dorset Museum – 1040 Main St, Dorset, 10:30 a.m. to noon.	Haliburton Highland Quilt Guild Show – Haliburton Curling Club, 2-6 p.m.	Strawberry supper – Ingoldsby Church, 4-7 p.m. HHWEN General Meeting – Agia Maria Inn & Resort, 9:30 a.m. Haliburton Highland Quilt Guild Show – Haliburton Curling Club, 10-6 p.m.	Unveiling of Musical Inspiration – Haliburton Sculpture Forest, 2-3:45 p.m.
26	27	28	29
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Happy Canada Day! Check out page 53 to see a list of Canada Day celebrations!	CanoeFM Radiothon auction, David Alexander Risk painting – Haliburton Forest Store, 3-6 p.m. Glass fusion workshop – The Art Hive, 10-12:30 p.m.	Find your next issue of The Highlander at over 100 locations!
30	1	2	3
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
CanoeFM Radiothon starts today!	Jazz at the Museum – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 7:30 p.m. 705-457-2760. Strawberry social – Maple Lake United Church, 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. \$12 at the door.		
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION JUNE 26 - JULY 2, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)	Minden Branch (705-288-4541)	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
General meeting, 2 nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.	Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.	Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.	Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.	Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.	Harold Floden Memorial Bass Only Tournament, Saturday
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.	Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.	Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Breakfast, 2 nd and 4 th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.	Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.	Pancake & sausage breakfast, 8-11 a.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.	Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Live music from Haliburton's own Riff Raff, Saturday, 4-7 p.m.	Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	
	Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	

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The Festival will be held November 7, 8, 9, 2014. The script will be chosen over the summer. Auditions will be held early August with rehearsals beginning mid-September.

2) Dinner theatre presentation of 2 (or 3) one act plays. These will be selected over the summer. Auditions will be held mid-August with rehearsals beginning immediately after the casting. Performances will take place sometime in October with dates and locations TBA.

If you are interested in directing a play for either of these projects, submit your name and particulars by **July 10, 2014** along with the title of, or a copy of the play to:

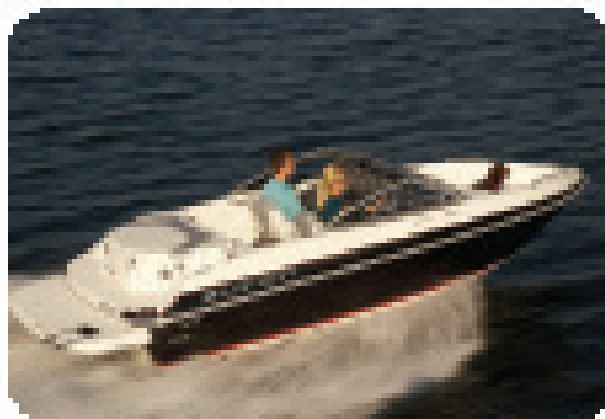
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